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SAFETY ROADSIDE REST AREAS CLOSED FOR WINTER

REDDING – The O'Brien Safety Roadside Rest Area (SRRA), located 15 miles north of Redding on Interstate 5, will be closed from December 6, 2004 through January 20, 2005 for upgrades to the facility which will bring it up to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. All work at the rest area will improve the accommodations and accessibility for persons with disabilities. The work will be performed by MDS Construction out of Mountain Gate and will include installation of new toilet partitions; new automatic flush toilets, sinks and urinals; signs and railings and new drinking fountains.

In addition to the closure of the O'Brien SRRA, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 2 in Redding has closed five of the district's 19 Safety Roadside Rest Areas (SRRA) for the winter months. Roadside signs have been posted announcing the closures and directing motorists to the next available rest stop.

The following SRRA's will be closed from November 1, 2004 through April 30 2005:

- Hillcrest: -- 14 miles west of Burney on State Route 299
- Shingletown 4 miles east of Shingletown on State Route 44
- LT Davis 37 miles east of Quincy on State Route 70

The following SRRA's will be closed from December 1, 2004 through March 31, 2004

- Massack 7 miles east of Quincy on State Route 70
- Lake Almanor 4 miles east of Chester on State Route 36

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